

GRETEL'S CAROUSEL
(German)

Source: This dance was presented by Vyts Beliajus at the 1959 University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp in Stockton, Calif., and can also be found in his "Dance and Be Merry," Vol I.

Record: "Carousel" Panpiper PD 5901B

Music: "Dance and Be Merry" Vol I.

Formation: 4 cpls in a set as for a contra dance. A line of M facing ptr in line of W, M L shoulder twd music or head of line, cpl #1 nearest music.

Steps: Jump*, Running Step Slide*
*Described in Folk Dances From Near and Far

Measures Pattern
(4/4)

2 meas Introduction

I. Finger-Point and Clap

- 1 Close hands into fists and hold them together at chest level with index fingers extended upwards. Take a small jump to land with R heel fwd on floor and turn R fist so that R finger points at ptr, keeping fists together (ct 1). Jump to land with L heel fwd and point L finger at ptr (ct 2). Repeat action of cts 1-2 (cts 3, 4).
- 2 Repeat action of meas 1.
- 3 Join both hands with ptr at shoulder height, and M move fwd and W bwd with 3 running steps (cts 1, 2, 3), hold (ct 4). (Instead of 3 running steps a step-close-step pattern may be used.) Keep lines straight and parallel.
- 4 Repeat action of meas 3, returning to place, M moving bwd and W fwd.
- 5 Take a small jump landing with ft together and clap own hands (ct 1), jump to land with R heel fwd and clap ptr R hand with own R (ct 2). Jump landing with ft together and clap own hands (ct 3). Jump to land with L heel fwd and clap ptr L hand with own L (ct 4).
- 6 - 8 Repeat action of meas 5 three more times.

II. On the Carousel

- 1 - 2 1st cpl join both hands with ptr at shoulder height and move between the lines to the ft of the set with 8 slides swd.
- 3 - 4 Return to place between the lines with 8 slides swd.
- 5 - 6 Repeat action of Fig II, meas 1-2.
- 7 - 8 Keeping both hands joined at shoulder height with R shoulders

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GRETEL'S CAROUSEL (CONT.)

Measures Pattern

adjacent, R arms outstretched, L elbows bent, turn in place and finish at foot of own line with 8 small running steps.

The dance is repeated until original cpl #1 reaches head of set.

Song--Gretel's Carousel

Gretel, Gretel, liebes Gretelein

Komm wir fahren Karusselle.

Zehn fur die Grossen,

Funf fur die Klein,

Hei wie geht das schnelle!

Hei-hei-hei-hei-heisse-juchei,

Hei wie geht das schnelle!

O Gretel, Gretel, darling,
over there

Carousel is gliding

Ten cents, five cents,

Big and little folks,

See how fast they're riding!

Hey, hey, hey, the merry-go-round!

See how fast they're riding!

Hey, hey, hey, the merry-go-round!

Faster, faster gliding!

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